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SUBJECT: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS COMMENTS ON U.S. DEFENSE
FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA

1. SUMMARY: IN TV INTERVIEW ON LOCAL MELBOURNE STATION
JUNE 16, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS COMMENTED ON U.S.
DEFENSE FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA. CAIRNS MADE CLEAR HE WAS
OPPOSED TO LONG-TERM CONTINUATION OF FACILITIES BUT ALSO SAID
HE THOUGHT ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY WOULD LEAD U.S. TO WITHDRAW
THEM. CAIRNS AGREED HE HAD VERY STRONG HATRED FOR US FOREIGN POLICY,
DECLINED TO MAKE CRITICAL COMMENTS ON AMERICAN PEOPLE AND MULTI-
NATIONAL (READ, AMERICAN) CORPORATIONS.
END SUMMARY

2. FOL IS TEXT OF TV INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
CAIRNS WHICH WAS BROADCAST IN MELBOURNE ON JUNE 16:

QTE INTERVIEWER: YOU SAY THAT YOU THINK REASON CAN
PREVAIL. DO YOU THINK REASON WILL PERSUADE THE AMERICANS TO
CHANGE THEIR FOREIGN POLIC, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO
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AMERICAN BASES IN AUSTRALIA?

CAIRNS: FINALLY, YES, BUT TECHNOLOGY WILL DO IT MORE QUICKLY.

INTERVIEWER: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

CAIRNS: WELL, THEY'LL BE OUTDATED, IF THEY'RE NOT ALREADY OUTDATED, BEFORE VERY LONG.

INTERVIEWER: YOU'VE GOT A VERY STRONG HATRED FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY OVERALL, HAVEN'T YOU?

CAIRNS: YES, FOR POLICY--BUT NOT FOR AMERICANS.

INTERVIEWER: NO, I MAKE THE DISTINCTION FOR FOREIGN POLICY. WHY?

CAIRNS: IT HAS KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE UNNECESSARILY.

INTERVIEWER: DO YOU THINK THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY MAKES FOREIGN POLICY OR DO YOU THINK THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS DICTATE THE FOREIGN PLICY?

CAIRNS: NO, I DON'T THINK THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS ARE THAT BAD IN THE FOREIGN POLICY AREA. IN SOUTH AMERICA--LATIN AMERICA--WHERE THEY'VE BEEN TIED PRETTY CLOSELY TO THE GOVERNMENTS, THEY'VE HAD THE DOMINATING INFLUENCE, BUT NO ONE CAN BLAME THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS FOR VIETNAM...

INTERVIEWER: WOULD YOU FAVOR A FORTRESS AUSTRALIA POLICY FOR DEFENSE?

CAIRNS: YES, WITHOUT...DAN, I DO AGREE ABOUT THAT.

YET, THIS IS IDENTIFIED WITH OTHER VIEWPOINTS. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO CONSOLIDATE OUR RESOURCES AND WE HAVE TO BASE OURSELVES UPON OUR AUSTRALIAN STRENGHT FIRST, LAST, AND FOREVER..

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INTERVIEWER: DO YOU SEE POSSIBLE DEFENSE CUTS AS ONE OF THE WAYS OF ACHIEVING (BUDGETARY ECONOMIES)?

CAIRNS: WELL, I THINK WE CAN AFFORD TO GO ON SPENDING MUCH ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT. END QTE

3. COMMENT: REMAINDER OF INTERVIEW WAS LARGELY ON DOMESTIC ECONOMIC ISSUES OF LESSER INTEREST TO U.S.

4. OVERALL IMPRESSION WHICH EMERGES IS THAT CAIRNS IS VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO LONG-TERM CONTINUATION OF U.S. DEFENSE FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA, BUT HE HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY WILL LEAD U.S. TO WITHDRAW BASES EITHER VOLUNTARILY OR WITH ONLY MODEST AUSTRALIAN ENCOURAGEMENT, THUS AVOIDING BRUISING AND DAMAGING FIGHT OVER ISSUE. HE HAS AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISM OF AMERICAN PEOPLE AND EVEN OF MULTI-NATIONAL (READ, AMERICAN) CORPORATIONS, DESPITE PROMPTING BY INTERVIEWER. BEST SUMMARY OF POSITION WHICH CAIRNS HAS EXPRESSED HERE SEEMS TO BE QUITE SUAVELY IN MODE, FORTITUDINOUS IN RE END QUOTE.
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